

## West Texas--Now's Our Chance!

EL PASO, with three able representatives in the state legislature, is in position to render great service to the entire state, especially the western half, if those representatives succeed in obtaining a revision of the mining and land laws, and an appropriation for a mineral survey and school of mines. If they should succeed in accomplishing nothing else during their term, these things would be monument enough to their ability and energy.

Texas maintained some sort of geological survey between 1888 and 1892. Appropriations were then withdrawn and nothing was done until 1901, when the university conducted a mineral survey lasting three years. The legislature again withdrew appropriations and abolished the mineral survey, so that no work in this line was done between 1904 and 1909.

In 1909 the university regents found a few dollars in the meager allowance given them by the legislature, that they felt justified in turning into the channel of mineral development. So the bureau of economic geology was established. But it was impossible to do more than a little laboratory work with the funds available. Not until 1911 was it possible to do any field work. Even now the fund is so small that only the most limited efforts can be financed by the university unaided by the state legislature.

Texas is so immense and contains such a variety of mineral deposits that what would make a fair showing in an ordinary state appears trifling in the empire of Texas. The Herald has the authority of the director of the university bureau of economic geology, Dr. W. B. Phillips, for the statement that the lignite area of Texas is as large as the whole state of Missouri; the coal area of Texas is greater than the area of any New England state except Maine, greater than all of New Jersey or Maryland; the oil area certainly exceeds 20,000 square miles, more than half as great as an area as a whole state like Ohio or Indiana; artesian water may be found over thousands of square miles, and no survey has ever been made to determine how great the artesian area may be.

The mineral region of west Texas extends from the Pecos river to El Paso and contains deposits of oil, gas, coal, asphalt, salt, sulphur, carbonate of soda, building stone including the finest of marble, cement materials, and turquoise, and ores of copper, gold, silver, lead, zinc, tin, uranium, quicksilver, and tungsten--how much more nobody knows, for no thorough investigation has ever been made.

In his last annual report the commissioner of the state land office says that the greater part of the 1,600,000 acres of unsold public land is mineral land.

What are we doing for the development of this land? Nothing?

Are we preparing accurate topographic maps by which the sites of impounding reservoirs for storm waters may be ascertained? We are not.

Are we studying the surface and underground water conditions of this land? We are not.

Are we doing anything to enhance the value of this land for grazing, farming or mining purposes? We are not.

Are we making geological investigations of the mineral deposits anywhere in the 31,000 square miles west of the Pecos river? We are not.

Have we sold the cream of the public lands? We have.

Are we doing anything to render the skim milk more saleable? We are not.

What are we doing? We are greasing our boots and putting them away so that they may be a heritage for the grandchildren. They may not fit the grandchildren, who may even prefer to buy their own boots; styles may change, but the good old boots that grandpa had must be preserved.

The value of undeveloped mineral lands does not increase materially with the lapse of time.

The only way to develop a state is to develop it.

## Six Years and No Relection

A SINGLE six-year term for president--there is every reason why this plan should be adopted, and no good reason why it should not be. The nearest approach to a good argument against it is the thought of two years more of Taft, had such a rule been in force; but that argument may be answered by saying that if the thought of a second term had not complicated Taft's mental processes and clouded his judgment he might have made a better president. Anyhow, we have seen and experienced the grave evils of the present system, under which a president feels justified in playing personal and factional politics for at least his first term; if Wilson were going into office with the certainty of a six-year tenure and the impossibility of reelection, his course would be very different from what it will be with reelection tempting him, and very much more national and disinterested.

## Sunday Amusements In Texas

THE BILL introduced in the Texas legislature to give Texas cities home rule as to Sunday amusements, should be enacted into law. The Sunday laws of Texas are not only impossible of literal enforcement, but they do not deserve to be literally enforced. They bear no reference to modern conditions and are not in line with the honest opinions of a majority of law abiding and reputable citizens. The best service that could be performed in behalf of reasonable Sunday observance would be to reform the Sunday laws in accordance with the views of reasonable and orderly citizens.

The whitest thing the European powers have done in a century is to refrain from depriving the Balkan allies of the legitimate fruits of their victorious campaigns.

## Friend of West Texas

IN SENATOR SHEPPARD west Texas and El Paso have the best friend that has sat in the United States senate for many years as a representative of Texas. Senator Sheppard has been here, he has had his enthusiasm aroused by what he has seen, and he knows our people. While an east Texan, his interests are not so narrow that he cannot lend his aid in helping to solve the problems of the west. Senator Sheppard will receive El Pasoans always with alert interest in the welfare of this part of the state.

## One-Sentence Philosophy

**JOURNAL ENTRIES.**  
(Topeka Journal.)  
There is a whole lot of crying over spilt milk, even if it doesn't do any good.  
People who really haven't much to complain about usually do the most kicking.  
Many of the axes that humans have to grind are woefully dull.  
Nobody should make mistakes just to run the chance of profiting by them.  
Neither are there so many people who are satisfied with the rewards of virtue.  
Few persons will do as good work as they can unless they are driven by hard taskmasters.  
In the battle of life the victor is seldom the most noise.  
**GLOBE SIGHTS.**  
(Athlone Globe.)  
Even a modest man will talk about his big salary to his kin.  
A desk with too many pigeon holes is like the mind of some people.  
Occasionally a man is so easily pleased that he is satisfied with his own law.  
If the neighbors have children of their own, they are apt to find fault with yours.  
Most people, however, are better looking than their flashlight photo would indicate.  
When a woman returns from a visit, she usually has a few recipes to try out on friend husband.

**QUAKER MEDITATIONS.**  
(Philadelphia Record.)  
Help others and others will help themselves.  
It's practice that makes perfect, not preaching.  
Some people only seem happy when they have had news to tell.  
No matter how fast a young man is he seldom catches up with his good intentions.  
Many a man puts his best foot forward so far that his other foot never catches up with it.  
Sometimes it's laziness and not superstition that prompts a man to put off till Saturday what he might begin on Friday.  
The cynical bachelor rises to remark that the man who has never been in love doesn't realize what a fool he can make of himself.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**  
(Chicago News.)  
Anyway, the man who contradicts himself may be right.  
It is easier to write history than it is to manufacture it.  
Only after trying does a man realize the many things he can't do.  
You can jolly the average man by referring to him as a prominent citizen.  
Early to bed and early to rise is one of the combinations that makes a small boy sore.  
After a woman has been married two or three years she quits saying that she understands men.

## Christianity In China

Catholics and Protestants Surmount Great Difficulties in Religious Work

By Frederic J. Hanks

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.--Christianity is the most vital force in changing China. It may not be more powerful in itself than any other element, but it is by long odds the most powerful factor in that interesting composite known as China.

The Chinese people. It is a matter of dispute just how influential Christianity is. The term, "pure Christianity," in the currency of official discussion means a strictly religious work, and it is doubted if more theological preachments by the missionaries had as much to do with the official dropping of Confucianism as the basis of public office holding, as some Christian enthusiasts claim.

Nevertheless, Christianity is the greatest force in China, and this is because of the system of western education which it has introduced. This opened their minds to the world outside, and the introduction, which naturally followed, showed them in turn the terrible narrowness of the cult of their ancestors.

**Accept Christian Schools.**  
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**Catholics First in China.**  
Disregarding the ancient Nestorian church, Roman Catholicism was the first western Christian sect to get in touch with the Chinese people. It was introduced by the Jesuits in 1582, and it has since that time been the most influential of the Christian sects in China. The Jesuits were the first to introduce Christianity into China. They were the first to introduce Christianity into China. They were the first to introduce Christianity into China.

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## Origin of the Valentine

History in Obscurity, but Name Comes From a Country of Choosing States, Old.

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